

## The National Tenpin Coaches Association February Poll

February 6, 2019

McKendree Holds on to the Top Spot

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. --- McKendree University received 29 of 39 first place votes to hold on to the No. 1 ranking to start the second semester. With a 48-15 record the Bearcats have stayed on a steady pace with top four finishes at the Mid-Winter Invitational and Saints Invite. McKendree also tops the charts in team scoring average with a 204.4.

The Commodores of Vanderbilt University took home the title from the Mid-Winter Invitational to start 2019, and jumped one spot to No. 2. Vanderbilt added a 21-5 record since the beginning of December to increase their record to 46-17.

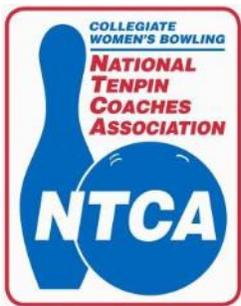
Nebraska drops one spot to No. 3. The team is coming off a first place finish at the Maryville Saints Invite. The Cornhuskers currently lead NCAA bowling in winning percentage (49-15), and win/loss record vs the top 10 ranked teams (based on average).

Arkansas State holds on to the No. 4 spot in the rankings. The Red Wolves added a pair of second place finishes (Mid-Winter Classic and the Kutztown Invitational) to their resume.

Sam Houston State improves their record to 52-25, and stands at No. 5.

Rankings 6-10: Maryland Eastern Shore moved up two spots to No. 6, while the Ladyjacks of Stephen F. Austin made the biggest jump in the top 10, after winning the Kutztown Invitational, to move up to No. 7. Fairleigh Dickinson University falls one spot to No. 8, as Tulane University falls three spots to No. 9. The Aggies of North Carolina A&T improve one spot to round out the top ten.

NCAA bowling competes as a National Collegiate sport, in which all three divisions compete for one National Championship. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The national committee will select 12 teams during the selection process. Eight conferences will receive automatic qualifiers (AMCC, CIAA, ECC, MIAA, MEAC, NEC, Southland, SWAC) and four teams will receive at-large bids. Four teams will be seeded into the Championship bracket, while the eight remaining teams will compete in four play-in matches. The winners of these matches will then be seeding into the eight-team championship bracket. The 2019 National Championship will be held April 11-13 at Game of Wickliffe in Cleveland, OH.



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	No. 1 Votes	Record	Adjusted Points	Previously Ranked
1 McKendree University, Lebanon, IL	29	48-15	1451	1
2 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	9	46-17	1377	3
3 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE		49-15	1269	2
4 Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	1	42-20	1265	4
5 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX		52-25	1055	5
6 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD		38-22	1047	8
7 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX		39-25	967	10
8 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ		47-22	956	7
9 Tulane University, New Orleans, LA		40-24	861	6
10 North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC		38-23	711	11
11 St. Francis University, Loretto, PA		56-20	621	9
12 Delaware State University, Dover, DE		38-21	562	13
13 University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI		39-24	556	12
14 University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL		54-22	477	20
15 Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN		32-32	428	15
16 University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO		28-23	332	24
17 LIU Brooklyn, Brooklyn NY		30-29	283	18
18 Maryville University, St. Louis, MO		41-36	261	22
19 Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg MD		54-22	253	19
20 Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT		29-33	235	16
21 Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA		52-25	224	14
22 Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ		26-22	212	17
23 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA		32-22	163	23
24 Adelphi University, Garden City, NY		40-27	146	21
25 Youngstown State, Youngstown, OH		30-30	107	NR

### Also receiving points:

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN; Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA; Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, KY

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top 25 programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 40 points for first place and one point for twenty-fifth place. To be ranked teams need to equal or surpass the minimum vote criteria, which is one vote for every eight ballots submitted. The actual ranking position is determined by using the adjusted point standings, which lists in priority order the total points a school has accumulated after the highest and lowest votes are dropped. The specific point values follow: 1st place = 40 points, 2nd =37, 3rd =35, 4th =33, 5th =31, 6th =29, 7th =27, 8th =25, 9th =23, 10th =21, 11th =19, 12th =17, 13th =15, 14th =13, 15th =11, 16th =10, 17th =9, 18th =8, 19th =7, 20th =6, 21st =5, 22nd =4, 23rd =3, 24th =2, 25th =1.